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A multi-person velocipede, comprising:

first and second frame members having forward and rearward end portions and long axes extending between said forward and rearward end portions;

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a first seat coupled to said first frame, and a second seat coupled to said second frame;
a first forward wheel rotatably coupled to said forward end portion of said first frame,
and a second forward wheel rotatably coupled to said forward end portion of said
second frame;

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said first and second forward wheels being selectively rotatable about axes that extend generally perpendicular to the long axes of said first and second frames;

a first set of pedals operatively coupled to said first forward wheel, and a second set of pedals operatively coupled to said second forward wheel;

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said first and second frames maintaining the axes of rotation of said first and second forward wheels in a generally perpendicular orientation with respect to the long axes of said first and second frames while the velocipede is operated;

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a first rearward wheel rotatably coupled to said rearward end portion of said first frame,
and a second rearward wheel rotatably coupled to said rearward end portion of
said second frame;

a first seat operatively coupled to said first frame intermediate said forward and rearward end portions, and a second seat operatively coupled to said second frame intermediate said forward and rearward end portions; and

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a support member operatively coupled to said first and second frames to maintain said
1 first and second frames in a horizontal spaced relationship with one another.

2.

The velocipede of claim 1 further comprising a single elongated handle bar
5 coupled to the forward end portions of said first and second frames.

3.

The velocipede of claim 2 wherein said handle bar is coupled to said forward end
portions of said first and second frames in a fixed generally perpendicular orientation to
the long axes of said first and second frames.

4.

The velocipede of claim 1 wherein said first and second rearward wheels are
coupled to said first and second frames such that said first and second rearward wheels
may freely swivel about generally vertical axes.

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The velocipede of claim 1 wherein said first and second sets of pedals are
coupled to said first and second forward wheels in fixed positions with respect to said
first and second forward wheels.

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The velocipede of claim 1 wherein said first and second rearward wheels are
smaller in diameter than said first and second forward wheels.

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1 The velocipede of claim 1 further comprising braking means operatively coupled
to said first and second forward wheels for impeding forward movement of the
velocipede.

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A method of operating the velocipede of claim 1 with first and second operators,
comprising:
seating the first and second operators on said first and second seats;
10 the first and second operators engaging said first and second sets of pedals in a
generally forward pedaling manner to move the velocipede in a generally forward
direction; and
said first operator then pedaling said first set of pedals at a rate faster than a rate at
15 which the second operator pedals said second set of pedals so that the
velocipede moves in a generally right-arching direction.

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A method of operating the velocipede of claim 1 with first and second operators,
comprising:
20 seating the first and second operators on said first and second seats;
the first and second operators engaging said first and second sets of pedals in a
generally forward pedaling manner to move the velocipede in a generally forward
direction; and

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1 said second operator then pedaling said second set of pedals at a rate faster than a
rate at which the first operator pedals said first set of pedals so that the
velocipede moves in a generally left-arcing direction.

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5 A method of operating the velocipede of claim 7 with first and second operators,
comprising:

seating the first and second operators on said first and second seats;
the first and second operators engaging said first and second sets of pedals in a
generally forward pedaling manner to move the velocipede in a generally forward
10 direction; and

said first operator then actuating said braking means operatively coupled to said first
forward wheel while said second operator continues the forward pedaling of said
second set of pedals so that the velocipede moves in a generally left-arcing
15 direction.

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A method of operating the velocipede of claim 7 with first and second operators,

comprising:

seating the first and second operators on said first and second seats;
the first and second operators engaging said first and second sets of pedals in a
generally forward pedaling manner to move the velocipede in a generally forward
20 direction; and

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1 said second operator then actuating said braking means operatively coupled to said
second forward wheel while said first operator continues the forward pedaling of
first second set of pedals so that the velocipede moves in a generally right-arcing
direction.

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10 A method of operating the velocipede of claim 7 with first and second operators,
comprising:

15 seating the first and second operators on said first and second seats;
the first and second operators engaging said first and second sets of pedals in a
generally forward pedaling manner to move the velocipede in a generally forward
direction; and

20 said first and second operators then actuating said braking means to slow the forward
movement of the velocipede.

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20 The velocipede of claim 3 wherein said first and second rearward wheels are
coupled to said first and second frames such that said first and second rearward wheels
may freely swivel about generally vertical axes.

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20 The velocipede of claim 4 wherein said first and second sets of pedals are
coupled to said first and second forward wheels in fixed positions with respect to said
first and second forward wheels.

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1 The velocipede of claim 4 wherein said first and second rearward wheels are smaller in diameter than said first and second forward wheels.

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5 The velocipede of claim 4 further comprising braking means operatively coupled to said first and second forward wheels for impeding forward movement of the velocipede.

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10 The velocipede of claim 16 further comprising a single elongated handle bar coupled to the forward end portions of said first and second frames.

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